

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/WRIT PETITION (PIL) NO. 87 of 2022

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SUO MOTU

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

SUO MOTU for the Applicant(s) No. 1

for the Opponent(s) No. 1

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR***and******HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH J. SHASTRI*****Date : 07/11/2022****ORAL ORDER*****(PER : HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR)***

We have taken cognizance of the news item published in the Times of India newspaper dated 31.10.2022 and one of us (Hon'ble The Chief Justice) had directed the Registry to register the news report as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) which reflected the untimely death of 134 persons due to break down of suspension bridge of Morbi and on account of Courts' having been closed due to 'Diwali Vacation', telephonic instructions were issued to the Registrar Judicial to treat the said article as *suo moto* PIL by registering it accordingly, after necessary formalities. Accordingly, the Registry having registered the said

newspaper report dated 31.10.2022 published in the Times of India has placed the matter before us.

We direct the registry to implead the State of Gujarat represented by its Chief Secretary, the State of Gujarat, Department of Home, Government of Gujarat, represented by its Home Secretary, Commissioner of Municipalities, Government of Gujarat, Morbi Nagar Palika represented by its Chief Officer, Collector, Morbi District, Morbi and State Human Rights Commission, Karm Yogi Bhavan, Block No. 1, 5th Floor, Room No. 511, Sector 10A, Gandhinagar, as respondents 1 to 6. The learned Advocate General who is present in the Court was requested to take notice on behalf of respondents 1 to 3. On his behalf learned Assistant Government Pleader Mr. K.M. Antani has accepted notice for respondents 1 to 3. Mr. K.M. Antani has also accepted notice for respondent 5 - State Human Rights Commission. Respondents 1 and 2 shall file its status report by next Monday. The State Human Rights Commission shall file a report in this regard by next date of hearing.

Registry is directed to communicate this order through

'Special Messenger' to respondent no. 5 - State Human Rights Commission.

Re-list this matter on **14.11.2022**.

(ARAVIND KUMAR,CJ)

(ASHUTOSH J. SHASTRI, J)

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